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METHOD SEPARATING, FOR EXTRACTING AND PURIFYING POLY-

**B-HYDROXYALKANOATES** (PHA's) DIRECTLY **FROM** BACTERIAL

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